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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. LAS arranged a meeting to permit []
to present his plan for creating with comparative ease and moderate cost a Chinese dictionary designed to save many, many hours in Chinese intelligence research. []

2. [] has kindly given us valuable counsel on our new draft job descriptions and has passed them on to [] with whom we shall work to produce official descriptions.

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None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Ninety-five Certifications for Language Award certificates were sent to the Registrar last week.
2. Four people were tested last week in Swedish, Hungarian, Persian and French.
3. Nineteen people were tested orally in German, Italian and Swedish during the past week.
4. During the past week the following books were received by the LAS/TR Library in 2129 "I" Building:

Fried, Morton H., ed. Colloquium on Overseas China
1 copy

Buck, Pearl Friend to Friend 1 copy

Cantril, Hadley The Politics of Despair 1 copy

Overstreet, Harry and Bonaro What We Must Know About Communism 1 copy

Osgood, Robert Endicott Limited War: The Challenge to American Strategy 1 copy

Kissinger, Henry A. Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Politics 3 copies

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Zurcher, Arnold J. The Struggle to Unite Europe, 1940-1958
2 copies

Mason, W. H. The Commonwealth Quiz Book 1 copy

Kissinger, Henry A. World Restored 1 copy

Furnivall, J. S. The Governance of Modern Burma
2 copies

Barnett, Clifford R. Poland; Its People, Its Society, Its Culture 1 copy

Beloff, Max Europe and the Europeans 1 copy

Kerr, George H. Okinawa: The History of an Island People
3 copies



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2. An excellent example of the effectiveness of the Qualifications Review Panel may be cited from last week's session, where an application for intermediate Chinese at Yale was submitted on behalf of an FE man. Because of a low aptitude rating and insufficient information on the man's present proficiency - he had not yet returned to HQ - the Panel deferred a decision. The next day, when the man returned, [] interviewed him and discovered that his proficiency was virtually zero and that he could not possibly have anything but a beginner's course. The day after that, FE cancelled the application for external training and announced that their man would apply for the Agency's full-time Chinese course beginning in September 1959.

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1. This is the final week of Italy - BCS #1, and we will have some conclusions on this experience for our next report. Final session on 4 December will be concerned with "Conclusions and Outlook on Italy's Key Problems" and will feature a senior panel [redacted]

[redacted] This will be followed by lunch with the entire group at Aldo's.

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4. [redacted] deserves special mention on his new technique for mounting blow-ups of photos displayed in area class rooms. With perseverance he more than fulfilled [redacted] requirement for a process that would overcome the tendency of large sheets of cardboard to curl when hanging freely. Black borders and heavy black lettering on white background give a most attractive effect.

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5. [] completed her temporary duty []
on 28 November. Under a modification of her contract
suggested by D/LT, she will be on call for special
assignments. Her help will be especially useful for
double-checking the speaker when her German translation
of the "Free Europe" film is recorded []

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[] Her text, for long-term use in language/area
teaching, is considered an exceptional job which bears
few earmarks of being a translation.

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